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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, September 24, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	Division of Professional Regulation 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Cannon Building Second Floor Conference Room A Dover, Delaware
MINUTES APPROVED:	10/22/2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH, **Vice President**
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Irvin Bowers, Public Member
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Joan McDonough, Public Member
William Northey, Ph.D., LMFT
Lisa Ritchie, LCDP
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Cherneski, LMFT, **President**
Dr. Tracey Frazier, Psy.D., LCDP, **Secretary**
Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed.D., LPCMH

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Devashree Brittingham, Director's Assistant
Gayle MacAfee, Deputy Director
David Mangler, Director
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

ALSO PRESENT

Monique Hampton, Governor's Office
Lydia Prigg, Governor's Office
Matthew Turley

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Drevno called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion Regarding Board Composition – Monique Hampton and Lydia Prigg from the Governor's Office

Ms. Prigg and Ms. Hampton addressed the Board regarding the difficulties they are having attempting to appoint an eligible LMFT to the Board. They reported that the current Board members have been holding over since 2012. Ms. Prigg circulated a proposed statutory change regarding the Board composition. She is proposing that the composition be decreased to 11 members, 3 LPCMH's, 3 LCDP's, 1 at-large LMFT, and 4 public members.

Dr. Northey informed Ms. Prigg and Ms. Hampton that there are no training programs in the state, but there are currently online degree programs that are accredited. He reported that it would take four to six years for individuals enrolled in the programs to be licensed. Dr. Northey requested that the purpose of having three LMFT's is for equal representation, and he feels that it can be problematic if there is not equal representation.

Ms. Prigg advised the Board that if they are opposed to changing the Board composition, that she will send the Board to the Joint Sunset Committee. Ms. Prigg reported that she already has sponsors to create a Bill to change the composition. She stated that Board members cannot continue to hold over for years on end.

Dr. Northey informed Ms. Prigg that it would be inherently problematic if there are members who know nothing about the expertise of the profession, and that it could be detrimental to the public and Board.

Mr. Cooper stated that it is imperative to have representation amongst the profession.

Dr. Northey voiced his concerns about the proposal, as the public is being put at risk by not having adequate LMFT representation.

Ms. Banta stated that she would be concerned about quorum issues, if the composition changes to 2 members per profession.

Ms. Prigg advised the Board that she wants to make sure that the Governor's Office is represented well, and that the Board does not understand the behind the scene process in regards to appointment members.

Conduct Deliberations from Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments to Board's Rules and Regulations

The Board held their deliberations from the August 27, 2014 public hearing regarding amendments to the Board's rules and regulations. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to accept the proposed amendments as previously published. Motion unanimously carried. An Order was circulated for Board members' signatures.

Review Previously Tabled LACMH Application for Marissa Lloyd (Application was Tabled on August 27, 2014)

The Board reviewed Marissa Lloyd's LACMH application, which was tabled on August 27, 2014, for clarification regarding her understanding of her duty to report. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review and Consider Final Order for Helen McCool (Case 33-04-13)

The Board reviewed the Final Order for Helen McCool regarding Case 33-04-13. An Order was circulated for board members' signatures.

Update from Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper to table this item until the October 22, 2014 meeting.

Review Final Draft of Changes Regarding Problematic Statutory Provisions

Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper to table this item until the October 22, 2014 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for LPCMH Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Elizabeth Browne's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Brandy Myers' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Jenna Mahoney's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LCDP Licensure by Certification

The Board reviewed Tanyel Johnson's application for LCDP licensure by certification. Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Requests for Inactive Status

The Board reviewed Kelly Ace's request for inactive status. Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed Jessica Brennenman's request for inactive status. Ms. Ritchie moved, seconded by Dr. Northey, to approve the request for inactive status. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Request for Hardship Extension

The Board reviewed the request for a hardship extension from Bruce Rappaport. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to accept the 20 hours of face – to – face clinical supervision from Dr. Ram, and the 21 hours of continuing education he received online, to fulfill the CE requirements for renewal. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LACMH Licensure

The Board reviewed Melinda King's application for LACMH licensure. Mr. Cooper moved, second by Dr. Northey, to approve the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Memorandum from Director Mangler Regarding 148th General Assembly

The Board reviewed the Memorandum from Director Mangler regarding the upcoming 148th General Assembly. Dr. Northey volunteered to draft the verbiage for the Board to review during their October 22, 2014 meeting.

Review Request to Withdrawal LPCMH and LCDP Applications from George Peck

The Board reviewed the correspondence submitted by George Peck, requesting to withdrawal his application for LPCMH and LCDP licensure. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to accept his request to withdrawal his application.

Sign Certificate of Appreciation for Mary Davis

The certificate of appreciation for Mary Davis was circulated for Board members' signatures.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2014

The Board reviewed the August 27, 2014 meeting minutes for approval. Ms. Banta moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the Board.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

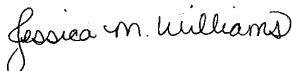
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2014, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bowers, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica M. Williams
Administrative Specialist II